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Dear Joel and Sheldon,

Thank you for coming to the Physics Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting in Aspen to explain the staging plan for E-918 – BTeV, including your assessment of the physics impact of that plan.

The PAC was favorably impressed by the strength of your arguments and indeed with the strength of the BTeV experiment. They consider that the impact of the staging plan is quite minimal and the ultimate superiority of the experiment assured. The executive summary of their recommendation concludes "The Committee finds the studies presented to be sound. The Committee expects BTeV to be competitive with LHCb as soon as BTeV starts analyzing data, giving it a good chance to participate in the initial measurements, which should have significant discovery potential. The Committee reiterates that nothing in the staged schedule will affect the expected superiority of BTeV on a wide range of compelling heavy flavor physics topics. In light of these findings, the Committee unanimously endorses the staging plan for BTeV."

We are very pleased to accept the recommendations, the full text of which is attached. We will forward the recommendations, along with a copy of this letter, to the Chairman of P5, Abe Seiden, in addition to the normal recipients.

Sincerely,

Michael Witherell

Attachment

cc: K. Stanfield  
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